

NSC BRIEFING

15 November 1956

LATE HUNGARIAN NEWS

- I. International News Service in Vienna, citing a Budapest broadcast of 15 November, reports that Kadar regime has made "additional promises" to the population. On the surface these are perhaps the most significant yet announced.
 - A. Kadar pledged "free elections" in the "near future" but coupled his pledge with statement that participating parties all must have "socialist principles."
 - B. Kadar also promised to end deportations to the USSR--presumably when the general strike ends and order has been restored.
 - C. He also stated that he could see no reason why ex-premier Imre Nagy--whose return to power has been demanded by workers and youth groups--could not join the government. (Nagy, reportedly holed up in the Yugoslav legation together with several other former ministries, has allegedly refused Kadar's appeals for his support.)
- II. At the same time, Kadar made clear his regime's opposition both to Hungarian neutrality--as long as the world is in its present shape--and to the immediate withdrawal of Soviet forces--this will have to wait until things have settled down.

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1. The timing of free elections and Soviet troop withdrawal apparently were not related to each other in Kadar's remarks, but they might be in the future: i.e., there is nothing to prevent Soviet forces from "supervising" the "free elections."